

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Entry of the above amendments is courteously requested in order to place all claims in this application in allowable condition and/or to place the non-allowed claims in better condition for consideration on appeal.

Claims 1 through 7 and 9 through 21 remain in this application. Claims 2, 8, and 20 have been cancelled. No claims have been withdrawn or added.

The Examiner's rejections will be considered in the order of their occurrence in the Office Action.

Paragraph 1 of the Office Action

Claim 21 has been objected to for the informalities noted in the Office Action.

Claim 21 has been amended in a manner believed to clarify any informalities in the language. Specifically, in line 11, after the claimed "said signal", the "." (period) has been changed to a ";" (semicolon).

Withdrawal of the objection to claim 21 is therefore respectfully requested.

Paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Office Action

Paragraph 3 of the Office Action states that claims 7, 9 through 13 20 and 21 are allowed, and that claims 2, 6, and 14 through 19 would be allowable if written into independent form with the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The above amendment incorporates the limitations of claim 1 (in its previously presented form) into the recitation of claim 6, and therefore

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claim 6 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claim 21, by virtue of its dependency from amended claim 6, are also submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Office Action

Claims 1 and 3 through 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Halleck in view of Desch.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the requirements of claim 2, which was indicated in the Office Action as being allowable, and therefore claim 1, as well as claims 3 through 5 which depend from claim 1, are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

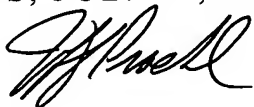
Withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection of claims 1 and 3 through 5 is therefore respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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